

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

WHEN: MARCH 5, 2008

**LOCATION: Capitol Building (Helena)
Room 172**

AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. **Meeting Called to Order – Evan Barrett, Chair**
- Roll Call / Quorum
 - Introduction of Council & Audience
 - Review & Approval of September 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes
- 10:15 a.m. **Update On Treasure Communities Activities – Evan Barrett, Chair**
- Review of Action Item from Previous Meeting
 - Action Undertaken Since Then
 - Anticipated Action Plan
- 10:30 a.m. **Governor's Economic Development Initiatives – Evan Barrett & Tony Preite**
- Significant Issues and Initiatives in Economic Development
 - Executive Planning Process: 2009 Legislative Session
- 10:45 a.m. **2009 Legislative Initiatives**
- Key Economic Development Programs: Funding Sunset (June 30, 2010)
- Report (Written) on Programs
- Sunset Programs Presentations
- Small Business Development Centers
 - Josh Keller, RC&D Coordinator, Northern Rocky Mountain RC&D, Inc.
 - Small Business Innovative Research
 - John Balsam, Consultant, Montana Technology Innovation Partnership (MTIP)
 - Certified Regional Development Corporations
 - Jim Davison, Vice Chairman, Headwaters RC&D
 - Export Trade Enhancement
 - Mark Bisom, Bureau Chief, MT Department of Commerce
 - Board of Research & Commercialization
 - Dave Desch, Executive Director, MT Department of Commerce
- 12 noon **Lunch (Catered in the Rotunda)**

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- 1:00 p.m. **2009 Legislative Initiatives (continued)**
- Key Economic Development Programs: Funding Sunset (June 30, 2010)
 - Program Presentations Continued
 - Growth Thru Agriculture Program
 - Collin Watters, GTA Program Manager, Dept. of Agriculture
 - Montana Cooperative Development Center
 - Brian Gion, CEO
 - Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
 - Stacey Scott, Business Manager, MSU-Bozeman
 - Consideration of Action Related to Sunset Programs:
 - Review of Financial Options for Sunset Programs
 - Board Action on Advice Re: Sunset Programs
- 2:00 p.m. **Break**
- 2:15 p.m. **Additional 2009 Legislative Initiatives & Open Discussion**
- Big Sky Under the Big Screen Act – Betsy Baumgart, Division Administrator
- 2:45 p.m. **Public Comment**
- 3:00 p.m. **Next Meeting Schedule; Meeting Adjourns**

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